

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack.

The Chair laid SB 72 before the committee.

SB 72 Birkholz Education; students; pledge of allegiance; require to be offered in public schools.

Representative Mortimer offered the following amendment to SB 72:

1. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:
 "(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES" OR "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE" MEANS THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG PRESCRIBED IN 4 USC 4."

Representative Mortimer moved to adopt the amendment to SB 72.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Clack offered the following amendment to SB 72:

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after **"OPERATES"** by inserting **"AND THAT A COPY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS PROVIDED"**.

The committee discussed the Clack amendment.

Representative Clack withdrew the amendment.

Representative Meyer moved to report SB 72 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-1-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Angerer, Kehrl and Clack,

Nays: Representative Miller,

Pass: Representative Vander Veen.

SB 72 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 4079 and HB 4080 before the committee.

The committee adopted a substitute (H-1) for each bill on March 16, 2005.

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| HB 4079 Palmer | Education; other; educational flexibility and empowerment contracts waiving certain statutory and administrative requirements as part of performance contract; allow. |
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| HB 4080 Palmer | School aid; other; school aid requirements; make subject to educational flexibility and empowerment contracts. |
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The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4079 and HB 4080, but did not wish to speak:

Joyce Phelps, representing the Michigan Education Association,
Tabitha Lemon, representing Junior Achievement of Michigan,
Brian Whiston, representing the Oakland Schools.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 4079 and HB 4080, but did not wish to speak:

Stephanie Wuttke, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers,
Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Michigan Association of School Psychologists,
Jean Doss, representing the Association of Michigan School Counselors.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified in opposition to HB 4079 and HB 4080. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4079.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 19-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III,

Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Mortimer moved to report HB 4079 (H-2) with recommendation.

Representative Proos supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-4-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen,
Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos and Lemmons, III,
Nays: Representatives Hopgood, Miller, Kehrl and Clack,
Pass: Representatives Angerer and Virgil Smith.

HB 4079 (H-2) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Meyer moved to report HB 4079 (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Proos supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-4-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen,
Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos and Lemmons, III,
Nays: Representatives Hopgood, Miller, Kehrl and Clack,
Pass: Representatives Angerer and Virgil Smith.

HB 4080 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
May 25, 2005
1 hour 15 minutes